

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 617 – HB 2247**

March 16, 2011

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes organizations that qualify as partisan organizations to nominate candidates for Governor, members of the General Assembly, United States Senator, and members of the United States House of Representatives. To qualify as a partisan organization, the organization must file a petition with at least 2,500 signatures of registered voters by May 1 of any even-number year, and the State Election Commission must certify the petition. An organization must maintain its status for two years from the date the organization is certified. If a partisan organization's nominee receives one percent of the total votes cast for that office at either of the two preceding general elections, the organization is not required to re-qualify.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumption:

- The State Election Commission will not require additional resources to carry out the requirements of the bill.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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